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LIBRARY COMMISSION OF MAINE

FOR THE YEAR

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WITH A STATISTICAL ACCOUNT OF THE PUBLIC
LIBRARIES OF THE STATE.

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To His Excellency, the Governor of Maine, and the Honorable Council:

The Library Commission respectfully submits its second annual report for the year ending December 1, 1901. The Commission has held four meetings the past year and at each has discharged the functions entrusted to it by law; viz. the selection of books for the travelling libraries and the consideration of measures for the establishment of free public libraries.

Seventeen new libraries, each of fifty volumes, have been added to the forty-two purchased last year. These with their predecessors have been in use in the various towns of the State practically all the time except during the months of July and August when the demand for them noticeably slackened. The recorded circulation of fifty-six returned to the State Library during the period covered by this report was 8,823 and the number of registered readers was 1780. Statistical tables showing the places and persons to whom libraries have been sent with records of the circulation of those returned may be found in Appendix I. The last mentioned records are of course kept by the local custodians and errors of omission can, and, in some cases, must be supposed to have occurred. To aid these custodians, who receive nothing for their services, in making these libraries more helpful in their respective communities specially annotated catalogues were prepared and printed for gratuitous distribution to borrowers. These two catalogues, each twelve page pamphlets of the size of a postal card, described briefly notable books of 1900, and books relating to out-door life. The collections thus catalogued proved so popular as to warrant the purchase of three duplicates of each.

Two facts may be mentioned as indicative of the work done by the travelling libraries for the individual and for the community. In one town there lived a man, generally deemed destitute of

intellectual tastes and, from his hermit-like manner of life, thought to be without interest in the world at large. The advent of a travelling library in his neighborhood brought him out of his retirement and during its six months' stay he borrowed and read every one of the fifty volumes it contained. In four towns the presence of a travelling library has been the apparent occasion of earnest agitation for the establishment of a free public library.

The Commission desires to express its great satisfaction at the legislation of last April by which the fee for the travelling library of the ordinary size was reduced from five dollars to two dollars and a half. The latter amount on the average fully pays the cost of transportation, and yet is sufficient to discourage misuse of the bounty of the State. With this small fee the Commission has thought it unwise by its own efforts to push the libraries into places where they are apparently needed. It is convinced that only when some resident is actively interested in the matter, can a community be really benefited by a travelling library. The work connected with the care and circulation of the books is considerable and must always be a labor of love if it is well done.

The coöperation of the women's clubs with the work of the Commission, as in the previous year, has been cordial and of great value. While there has not been, as then, occasion for defraying the fees of libraries sent to remote hamlets, their activity in the even more important work of arousing local interest and of supporting already existing libraries has been most noticeable.

It is well known that a committee of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs took the initiative in the movement that resulted in the establishment of the Library Commission. The unselfish and broad minded views that animated this committee and the ladies it represented have again brought forth fruit in a generous gift from the Dial Club of Fairfield of a carefully selected library on the history, social life, and literature of Russia. This library, chosen in the light of the donors' own study of the subject, has been placed in the hands of the Commission for the use of other literary organizations throughout Maine. In this way the State has become the custodian of a reference collection which, as may be seen from the catalogue of its contents given in Appendix II, is better, if not larger, than any public library in the State could supply on this particular subject.

Since the last report of the Commission free public libraries have been established in each of the following towns: Fairfield, Hiram, Jonesport, Norridgewock, Sanford, and Stetson. To each of these the secretary, as State librarian, has made the legal donation of books. To towns in which similar action is being considered he is ready to lend his assistance. So many instances are constantly appearing in which the best methods of library organization are not fully understood, that an actual letter of advice from him is printed as Appendix III with the intent that its contents may thus reach some who might not otherwise learn of them.

The work of encouraging the establishment of free public libraries is so dependent upon a knowledge of the history and present condition of library facilities in the various towns in the State that the somewhat extended review of these which forms Appendix IV of this report has been deemed necessary. The account there given is the fullest that has been prepared of Maine libraries since that contained in the report by the Bureau of Education in 1876. A comparison of the two will show that Maine has had her part in the remarkable development of free public libraries in this country during this last twenty-five years. In 1876 the so-called public libraries in this State, having over three hundred volumes, were eighty-five in number. Of this number, however, thirty-three were the property of academies, college societies and State institutions so conducted that the books were available to only a limited clientage; eight others were county law libraries; of the remaining forty-four, only three did not charge a fee for books loaned. In the place of these three the State has in 1901 seventy-two libraries which are entirely free to the residents of their respective towns. The number of public libraries—in the sense of those that are available on payment of a fee to any resident of the place in which they are situated—has risen from (44) forty-four to one hundred and seven.

The great majority of these libraries are in towns of less than four thousand inhabitants and aside from those rare and fortunate instances where they have been endowed by private generosity, their proper maintenance often becomes a serious problem. For to secure the best educational results, it is desirable that they should be opened as many hours as is practicable and

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especially that they be so catalogued that the subject matter as well as the author and title of every book they contain can be easily ascertained. The first desideratum requires of the librarian much time, the second, considerable technical skill. The construction of a full dictionary card catalogue, such as is in use in the Boston Public Library, and which aims to tell the enquirer the present resources of the library at any time on any subject as well as the names of its books, cannot be safely entrusted to one who has not had special training in that work. Fortunately the Library of Congress has recently undertaken to supply printed cards for any of its accessions at a very low price. These cards not only give an exact bibliographical description of the book but in many cases the subjects of which its contents treat. For instance, the printed card for the new edition of Parkman's "Oregon Trail" suggests at the bottom the following subject entries: The West, Frontier Life, Prairies, Rocky Mountains, Oregon Trail. The library that buys this volume can for four or five cents obtain these cards in sufficient number to catalogue the book under each of these heads with a moment's expenditure of clerical work. To bring these cards, which are models of accurate cataloguing, to the general attention of the smaller libraries in the State the Commission is distributing gratuitously a limited number of them, selecting those for recently issued books of popular interest.

The ideal before the Commission is to secure for every citizen of Maine, whether he live in a city of ten thousand or a village of one hundred inhabitants, the opportunity to borrow without expense to himself as many instructive and entertaining books as he can read with profit. This not only calls for the maintenance of the travelling libraries for an indefinite period but also for wise coöperation between adjacent towns and villages. The Commission notes with pleasure the enactment of chapter 176 of the Public Laws of 1901. Readers of Appendix IV will see that this legislation has already borne fruit.

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APPENDIX I.

TRAVELLING LIBRARIES.

LIST OF LIBRARIES SENT OUT FROM DECEMBER 1, 1900, TO DECEMBER 1, 1901, WITH NAMES OF PERSONS AND PLACES TO WHICH THEY WERE SENT.

1900.	Lib. No.	To whom sent.	Where sent.	
December	3.	7	S. G. Shurtleff.....	South Livermore.
	7.	6	Highland Grange.	Bridgton.
	7.	8	Waldo Pierce Reading Room	Frankfort.
	17.	21½ } 13½ }	Laura J. Roberts	Scarboro.
	20.	33	O. B. Dodge	Cupsuptic.
	22.	34	Geo. W. Reed	North Bucksport.
	22.	38	Free Library	Winterport.
	28.	39	E. F. Baker (Grange)	Steuben.
1901.				
January	5.	9	Mrs. Isaac A. Walker	Stow.
	7.	1	Ora S. Patterson.	East Newport.
	10.	18	Lila B. Howes	Enfield.
	12.	12	W. A. Hale	North Berwick.
	15.	14	Maud L. Dyer.....	Lagrange.
	15.	35	A. D. Heath.....	Seal Cove.
	17.	19	High School.....	Ashland.
	18.	11½ } 41½ }	Alma J. McIntire.....	East Fryeburg.
	29.	30	H. B. True.....	Freeport.
February	1.	16	Leroy S. Sanborn.....	Costigan.
	6.	7	Alice M. Wescott	Bluehill.
	18.	26	Alice M. Morrison.....	Lake Shore (Sidney).
March	7.	17	James Rich	Bradley.
	26.	13½ } 21½ }	James Smith	Long Cove (Tenants Harbor).
April	18.	32	Mrs. Horace B. Nason.....	Brownville.
	29.	43½ } 28½ }	Cobbosseecontee Grange ..	West Gardiner.
	30.	3	Winifred A. Reed.....	Lincoln Centre.
	30.	29	Free Library....	Newport.
May	11.	5	W. A. Andrews	Turner.
	11.	45	Free Library.....	Orono.
	11.	15	W. A. Allen	Vienna.
	11.	22	Dudley B. Whitney.....	Cambridge.
	11.	20	P. G. Barrett	Peru.
	18.	46	Maggie M. Bigelow	Easton.
June	4.	47	W. R. Jones	South Gardiner.
	5.	4	F. L. Norton.....	North New Portland.
	8.	42	J. H. Mosher	Weeks Mills (China).
	12.	16	Fannie Lewis.....	North Newport.
	12.	27	G. L. Perry.....	Reed Plantation.
	25.	48	F. E. Timberlake	Rangeley.
	25.	49	S. T. Jackson	Jefferson.
	26.	23	Free Library.	Winterport.
	27.	2	Lois Cleaves	Steuben.

LIST OF LIBRARIES SENT OUT—*Concluded.*

1901.	Lib. No.	To whom sent.	Where sent.
July	9.	31 Woman's Club	Lovell.
	29.	25 Edith B. Farrington	Fryeburg Centre.
	29.	9 E. E. Watson	Milo.
September	29.	39 N. A. Luce	Vassalboro.
	12.	38 A. P. McDonald	Seal Harbor.
	17.	33 Susan J. Roberts	Scarboro.
	17.	36 Mrs. Thomas P. Tyler	Troy.
October	30.	18 Mrs. H. L. Wyman	Bridgton.
	1.	48 Bernice Reed	Lincoln Centre.
	10.	3 H. E. Goddard	South Durham.
	10.	14 Miss C. A. Myers	Hodgdon.
	22.	19 Flossie P. Emery	Great Pond.
	22.	32 Mrs. Chas. B. Ring	Centre Montville.
	22.	46 Free Library	Winterport.
	22.	30 Annie Carrington	Lincoln.
	26.	52 Mrs. Horace B. Nason	Brownville.
	28.	51 Lulu P. Upham	Presque Isle.
	2.	50 Academy	North Bridgton.
November	2.	53 O. B. Dodge	Cupsuptic.
	2.	44 Mrs. E. A. Lapham	Pittston.
	2.	17 Mrs. Geo. H. Tapley	West Brooksville.
	5.	40 Geo. R. Fuller	Southwest Harbor.
	6.	41 J. E. McClure	Shirley Mills.
	6.	34 J. P. Barrett	Peru.
	6.	55 Free Library	Orono.
	11.	43 Lucy H. Crandon	Columbia Falls.
	13.	11 Mrs. Chas. Marrows	East Corinth.
	14.	29 Adina Stadig	New Sweden.
	14.	1 Lizzie Pride	North Windham.
	15.	45 Fred D. Wood	Garland.
	15.	21 W. A. Andrews	Turner.
	18.	5 A. O. Morton	Bar Harbor High School.
	18.	57 A. O. Morton	Bar Harbor High School.
	21.	13 Miss Winifred Dinsmore	Palermo.
	21.	35 S. W. Carr	Mt. Vernon.

RECORD OF LIBRARIES RETURNED FROM DECEMBER 1, 1900,
TO DECEMBER 1, 1901, SHOWING NUMBER OF READERS AND
CIRCULATION OF EACH LIBRARY.

		Readers.	Circulation.
1	East Newport.....	30	284
2	Temple.....	40	271
3	Troy Centre.....	35	119
3	Lincoln Centre.....	18	91
4	Pittston.....	30	198
5	Kenduskeag.....	58	244
5	Turner.....	26	138
6	Bridgton.....	10	12
7	Bluehill.....	32	241
7	Columbia Falls.....	66	218
8	Frankfort.....	26	52
9	Stow.....	18	169
10	North Berwick.....	23	221
12	North Brooklin.....	16	63
13	Lincoln Centre.....	13	Half Lib., 59
14	Lagrange.....	21	86
15	Peru.....	56	374
15	Vienna.....	37	166
16	Charlotteville.....	35	159
17	North Newport.....	20	66
17	Bradley.....	53	134
18	Enfield.....	4	10
19	Ashland.....	19	87
20	Avon.....	65	208
20	Peru.....	34	222
21½ & 13½	Tenants Harbor.....	30	140
21½ {	West Scarboro.....	51	220
13½ {			
21½ {			
42½ {	Columbia Falls.....	16	33
22	Vienna.....	44	282
22	Cambridge.....	40	117
23	South Gardiner.....	16	117
24	Millinocket.....	80	287
25	Stow.....	43	371
26	Lake Shore, Sidney.....	12	100
27	South Livermore.....	10	43
28	West Gardiner.....	6	42
28	South Litchfield.....	27	114
29	Winterport.....	41	180
29	Shirley.....	26	237
30	Freeport.....	24	129
31	Springvale.....	31	59
32	Vassalboro.....	12	128
32	Brownville.....	31	196
33	Cupsuptic.....	26	67
34	Bucksport.....	13	28
35	Seal Cove, Tremont.....	28	68
36	Litchfield Corner.....	58	232
36	Costigan.....	24	90
38	Winterport.....	64	321
38	Lagrange.....	28	166
39	Steuben.....	62	139
40	Caribou.....	62	280
43	West Gardiner.....	28	110
44	Shirley.....	22	127
45	Orono.....	56	311
46	Easton.....	17	197
46	Rangeley (No returns).....	-	-
42	Week's Mills (No returns).....	-	-
		1,780	8,823.

APPENDIX II.

THE TRAVELLING LIBRARY ON RUSSIA

PRESENTED BY THE DIAL CLUB OF FAIRFIELD.

Since bibliographical descriptions with extended notes and references as to the scope and character of most of the following books are given in Hapgood's Special Course for the study of Russia, only an author and title list of the contents of the library is here printed.

Bain,	Pupils of Peter the Great.
Brandes,	Impressions of Russia.
Clarke,	Russia's sea power.
Comparetti,	Traditional poetry of the Finns.
Cottin,	Elizabeth, or the Exiles of Siberia.
Crawford, (translator)	The Kalevala, 2 v.
Curtin,	Myths and folk tales of the Russians.
Dupuy,	Great masters in Russian literature.
Frederic,	The New Exodus.
Gerrare,	Story of Moscow.
Hamley,	War in the Crimea.
Hapgood,	Special course for the study of Russia in all its aspects.
Hapgood,	The epic songs of Russia.
Hapgood,	Russian rambles.
Hare,	Studies in Russia.
Heard,	Russian church and Russian dissent.
Kennan,	Siberia and the exile system, 2 v.
Kryloff,	Original fables.
Leroy-Beaulieu,	Empire of the Tzars and the Russians, 3 v.
Maskell,	Russian art and art objects in Russia.
Morfill,	Story of Russia.

Morfill,	Slavonic Literature.
Motley,	Peter the Great.
Noble,	Russia and the Russians.
Norman,	Peoples and politics of Far East.
Palmer,	Russian life in town and country.
Pouskin,	Prose tales.
Ralston,	Krilof and his fables.
Ralston,	Russian folk tales.
Rambard,	Popular History of Russia, 3 v.
Thompson,	Russian Politics.
Tikhomirov,	Russia political and social, 2 v.
Tolstoi,	Anna Karenina.
Tolstoi,	My religion.
Tolstoi,	War and peace, 2 v.
Turgenev,	Rudin.
Turgenev,	House of gentlefolk.
Turgenev,	Virgin soil, 2 v.
Turgenev,	On the eve.
Turgenev,	Smoke.
Verestchagin,	At home and in war.
Vladimir,	Russia on the Pacific.
Waliszewski,	The romance of an empress.
Waliszewski,	History of Russian literature.

APPENDIX III.

MAINE STATE LIBRARY,

AUGUSTA, December 9, 1901.

My Dear Sir: Your letter is at hand in which you ask for advice as to the best method to pursue in order to establish a free library in your town. As the conditions in all places are not the same I can only venture to give you a general outline of procedure.

You should first organize a library association under chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes. Blanks for that purpose can be obtained at the State Library. At your first meeting a board of three or five directors should be chosen; one of whom should be president of the association. You will also choose some capable person as secretary and treasurer.

Your association will then be in a position to act. Usually the opening of a reading room for the young people, one or more evenings in the week is advisable. You can then contribute money for the purchase of books, solicit money, books and magazines as gifts from all your citizens and ask by circular letter contributions from former residents and natives of your town, residing in Maine and other states of the Union.

After you have collected enough books to justify this action, you can open a loaning department, charging a small fee. You can also procure from the State the loan of a travelling library composed of new books. These books will add much to the interest, and aid you in securing additional members for your association, and larger contributions. When your association has become well established, and the sentiment of the town is favorable, you should make a free gift of all your books and other library property to the town, on condition that the inhabitants thereof shall maintain a free library and that your association shall have the selection of a majority of the trustees of the

library. In this manner, when the library is turned over to the town, your association still continues to exist, thus securing to the library a legally organized body of men and women interested in its welfare and vigorous maintenance who will stand ready to give aid when the town neglects its duty in this direction.

There are many other suggestions that could be made respecting minor matters that will naturally suggest themselves to your mind as you enter upon this work. The importance of uniting all the different literary societies in your town in support of the library movement should be among your first thoughts.

The school, the church and the women's clubs can be made strong and efficient allies in carrying on your unselfish work. The State Library can contribute much, and when your town is ready to take the library and make it free, the State will give books to the value of one hundred dollars and cash to the amount of ten per cent of the sum the town may raise and appropriate for the support of the library.

Whenever or wherever a library association is formed and established it is of great importance that immediate notice be given to the State librarian. As secretary of the Maine Library Commission he is ready both to furnish printed matter respecting approved methods of library organization, and to visit such places giving timely aid which will be of most value in the earlier and more difficult period of the library's development.

Sincerely yours,

LEONARD D. CARVER,

State Librarian.

APPENDIX IV.

The following statistical account of the public libraries of Maine intentionally omits circulating libraries, conducted for the profit of their owners, the county law libraries, and in general all libraries maintained primarily for the advantage of a particular school, society or institution. A few belonging to the latter class are included, when, by reason of their size or liberality of administration, they have become of service to the community. The arrangement is alphabetical by towns.

ADDISON.

The Mayhew Library Association is said to have a collection of 750 volumes. No report.

ALBANY.

There is said to be a public library of 200 volumes but no answer has been received to inquiries.

ALFRED.

The Alfred Reading Club was established in 1877, and incorporated in 1884. Its collection numbered in October, 1901, 1,359 volumes. It annually loans about 500 volumes among fifty or more patrons, charging a fee of one dollar. The annual expenditure for books is \$50.00, and for administration \$25.00. It published in 1893 a printed catalogue of thirty-eight pages. The only source of income is from subscriptions and occasional entertainments. Librarian, Miss Harriet B. Shaw.

By the generosity of Messrs. Charles and George Parsons, former citizens of Alfred, a fireproof library building, to be known as The Parsons Memorial Library, is now in process of erection, the cornerstone having been laid with suitable ceremonies on August 30, 1901.

ANDOVER.

The Andover Public Library was established in 1893. It is under the control of three trustees chosen by the library association, but the use of the books is free to all. Among numerous benefactions may be mentioned the gift of \$1,000 from Mr. J. P. Whitney. The town appropriates \$125 for administration and \$75 is annually expended upon books. The collection numbers (June, 1901) 4,000 volumes and has a circulation of 4,500. It has a card and a printed catalogue. Librarian, Mrs. Gertrude A. Newhall.

ANSON.

The Anson Public Library, situated at North Anson, was established in October, 1899, by an association through the gifts of those interested. It is controlled by nine trustees and was made free to all residents in 1901. It numbers 725 volumes and has a circulation of 1,555 among 80 patrons. It receives nine periodicals, seven by gift; expends \$75 upon books, and only a nominal sum upon administration. It is arranged by the decimal classification and has a card catalogue. Librarian, Mrs. Maria G. Emery.

ATKINSON.

The town of Atkinson was presented with a library of one hundred volumes in 1819 by Judge Wm. K. Atkinson. There are now two small libraries at different parts of the town. Of these one has made no report; the other, under the charge of Mrs. Nellie Burgess, is known as the Atkinson Central. It was established in 1898, numbers 165 volumes and expends about ten dollars annually in the purchase of new books.

AUBURN.

The Auburn Public Library was established in 1890 by a general subscription from those interested, there being nearly three hundred contributors of whom six gave five hundred dollars each. The control is vested in a board of seven trustees who are annually chosen by members of the corporation. In 1895 it became entirely free to the public and the municipality appropriates annually for its support \$1,400, which includes the rental of several rooms in the city building. It also has invested funds to the amount of \$1,500. The library numbers (October, 1901) 9,700 volumes which are classified by the decimal system. A catalogue of 167 octavo pages was printed in 1897. Much reference work is done for the pupils in the public schools and nearly one-third of the circulation, 36,723, is juvenile. The number of registered borrowers is 4,285. The annual expenditure for books, periodicals, and binding is \$976; for all other expenses, \$1,143. Librarian, Miss Annie Prescott.

AUGUSTA.

The Lithgow Library and Reading Room was organized February 13, 1882. A full account of the preceding association, of the bequest of L. W. Lithgow, Esq., and the numerous subsequent donations, as well as a description and photogravures of the beautiful stone library building, built in 1894 at a cost, including the lot, of \$50,000, may be found in the memorial volume issued in 1897. The library numbered (January, 1901,) 7,800 volumes; its annual circulation is 31,099. The number of borrowers is not reported. Fourteen periodicals are received by subscription, and one by gift. The library is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a card catalogue of the standard size. The fifteen trustees are chosen by the mayor and aldermen. Since 1895 the city has appropriated \$1,000 a year for its maintenance, and it has been free to all residents. There is also

a permanent fund of \$25,000, upon which the municipality pays interest at the rate of 5%. Librarian, Miss Julia M. Clapp.

The Maine State Library, though theoretically existing from 1820, had no rooms assigned to its use until the erection of the capitol at Augusta. The first catalogue of its contents, an octavo pamphlet of sixty pages, was issued in 1839, subsequent issues bear dates of 1843, 1846, 1850, 1854 and 1862. The collection was under the care of the Secretary of State until 1861 when the office of State librarian was established. The annual accessions have since been printed as a portion of his official report. With the appointment of the present librarian in 1890 and the extended accommodations supplied by the enlargement of the capitol, the library became of use not only to members of the legislature and the executive government but to all citizens of the State. It is under the direct control of the Governor and Council and is maintained by annual appropriations from the legislature. It receives 98 periodicals; expends on the average \$4,000 for books and \$2,500 for administration. It has a card catalogue of standard size. Including pamphlets and manuscripts, it numbers 78,000 volumes and possesses an admirable collection of local history and a valuable and complete law library. No record is kept of the number of borrowers or of the number of books circulated. Librarian, Leonard D. Carver.

BANGOR.

The Bangor Public Library dates from 1883 when the Bangor Mechanic Association gave its library of 20,000 volumes to the city in trust. A full account of the preceding libraries in the city may be found in annual reports of the librarian for 1893 and 1897. The library is under the control of a board of nine trustees, made up of the mayor and city treasurer, ex-officio, three trustees of the Hersey fund, and the four officers of the Bangor Mechanic Association. The library enjoys the income of the Hersey fund of \$100,000, given by Hon. S. F. Hersey, of the Mechanic Association fund of \$12,000, and of a book fund of \$4,000 established by Mrs. Grace D. Patten. It also has a building fund amounting in January, 1902, to \$87,000, and a building lot valued at \$7,500. The average annual expenditure on books, periodicals and binding for a period of ten years ending in 1900, was \$2,041, for administration \$3,851. The expenditure for the last calendar year exceeds these amounts by two or three hundred dollars. It should be noted that the items of rent and insurance amount to \$1,500. A fee of twenty-five cents is collected of those who take books for home use. The library numbered in January, 1902, 49,823 volumes, and had a circulation of 95,320 among 2,502 borrowers. There is also a recorded use of 26,052 volumes in the reading room. Eighty-five copies of 46 different magazines are regularly received. The library is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a card catalogue of the standard size. It issued in 1887 a printed catalogue of over one thousand octavo pages, and an index has been made of the extended collection of printed matter relating to Bangor. In reference work, especial effort is made to answer all enquiries. Librarian, Mrs. Mary H. Curran.

The library of the Theological Seminary dates from 1814. It now (December 2, 1901) numbers 22,622 volumes. Thirty-eight periodicals

are taken and the average annual expenditure for books and binding is \$615; for other expenses \$400. The library is classified by the decimal system and has a card catalogue. It has 64 registered borrowers and is also of service to teachers in the public schools and to clergymen not connected with the seminary. There are no fees and its income is derived from invested funds. Librarian, Miss Carrie Smythe Green.

BATH.

The Patten Free Library was established in 1890. Its building, the gift of Galen C. Moses, Esq., cost upwards of \$10,000, and the lot and grading nearly one-half as much more. A full account of the preceding library association which still maintains its organization may be found in Reed's History of Bath, pages 222-7. The library numbers (Jan., 1902) 10,638 volumes, and has a circulation of 29,509, of which 88 per cent. is fiction. The number of registered borrowers is upwards of 4,000. The annual expenditure for books and periodicals, of which 25 are regularly taken, is \$684. The expenditure for administration \$1,309. It has a card catalogue of index size, and issued a printed catalogue of 112 pages in 1894, and a supplement of 35 pages in 1900. The city annually appropriates \$1,250, and there is an endowment fund of \$10,000. The library is under the control of seven trustees chosen by the association. In the lines of art, scientific, and biographical books, the collection is of special service to school teachers and scholars. Librarian, Miss Margaret R. Foote.

BELFAST.

The Belfast Free Library was established in 1887 through bequests by Nathaniel Wilson and Paul R. Hazeltine. A full account of these together with a view of the library structure erected at a cost of \$11,000, is given in the Library Journal of August, 1888. The library also has a book fund in memory of Alfred Boyd Otis. It numbered in December 1901, 10,300 volumes, and has a circulation of 23,000 among 1500 registered borrowers. The annual expenditure for books and periodicals, of which 45 are regularly received, is \$750, for administration \$1100. The library is arranged in part by the decimal classification, has a card catalogue of the standard size, and issued a printed catalogue of 155 pages in 1896. The library is of special use to school teachers and children and to clergymen, a large number of theological books having been recently given by Rev. Dr. G. W. Field. It is under the control of five trustees chosen annually by the city government. Librarian, Miss Elizabeth M. Pond.

BENTON.

The Benton Public Library was established in October, 1897. It numbers 405 volumes, has a circulation of 733 among about 25 borrowers, and charges an annual fee of fifty cents. It expends \$15.00 for books and \$8.00 for administration, but by reason of gifts the increase in the number of books is much larger than the expenditure would indicate. Librarian, Miss Lucy Crosby.

BETHEL.

The Bethel Library was established in 1879, and now numbers 2100 volumes. It circulates about 3600 volumes among 100 annual subscribers, and the same number of transient patrons. The annual fee is fifty cents; the amount spent upon books is \$100.00, upon administration \$80.00. It has a printed catalogue. It is controlled by seven trustees chosen by the library association. At various times the town has appropriated sums amounting to \$200.00, but its increase is mainly dependent upon the proceeds of occasional entertainments. Librarian, Mrs. Lissa C. Barker.

There is also, located at West Bethel, a small subscription library established in 1892, and numbering 145 volumes. This has no source of income aside from the annual fee of fifty cents and has not recently increased in size. Librarian, Mrs. Esther S. Verrill.

BIDDEFORD.

The public library was established in 1863. It has grown slowly, apparently for the lack of suitable quarters, a disadvantage now likely to be removed by the generosity of a citizen. It is under the charge of a board composed of the mayor, one alderman and three councilmen. In 1896 the fee for the use of books was discontinued. The city appropriates annually \$800 which, with the stipend from the State, covers all expenditures. The library in 1900 numbered nearly 6000 volumes and has a circulation of 14,768 among 1600 registered borrowers. It receives 41 periodicals, 10 by gift. A printed catalogue was issued in 1896. Librarian, Miss Emma Hatch.

BINGHAM.

The Bingham Union Library dates from 1857. It numbered in June, 1901, 700 volumes. It loans about 600 volumes among 40 borrowers, and receives an income from fees which are fifty cents a year, and occasional gifts. Its expenditure for books in 1901, was \$42. Librarian, Ervin W. Moore.

BLUE HILL.

The Ladies Social Library of Blue Hill was established November 28, 1868. It numbered in December, 1901, 1629 volumes. Its annual expenditure for books is about \$60.00, and for administration about one-half that sum. Its income is derived from annual fees of \$1.00, and assessments upon members of the association. It receives five periodicals, and issued a printed catalogue in 1883. Among its benefactors may be mentioned, John H. Stover, and R. G. F. Candage. Librarian, Miss Emma J. McHowell.

BOOTHBAY.

The Boothbay Library numbered 632 volumes in August, 1901, and has an annual circulation of 2750. The fee to members is fifty cents a year; non-residents are charged two cents a day. There has been expended the past two years for books, \$294, and for administration expenses, \$11.00. The library has a written catalogue, and is dependent upon

assessments and gifts for its maintenance. Librarian, William J. Winslow.

BRIDGTON.

The Bridgton Public Library was established in 1895. Its building, erected in 1898 at a cost of \$3000 was given by present and former residents of the town at the solicitation of a committee of ladies, the lot being presented by Miss Clara G. Fogg. It is controlled by an association, is open to the public on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons, but asks an annual fee of \$1.00. It numbers, August 1901, 1300 volumes and circulates about 3,000 among 236 registered borrowers. It spends \$100 for books and \$50 for all other purposes. Its printed catalogue of 30 pages was issued in 1896. Librarian, Mrs. Agnes L. Haskell.

There is also a circulating library at South Bridgton, established in 1874 and numbering in December 1901, 822 volumes. Since 1889 it has been free to residents of that part of the town. Its circulation is small and gifts are its only source of income. Librarian, Nellie L. McAllister.

The North Bridgton Library Association was established in 1875. In December 1900 it had 566 volumes and a circulation of half that number among 34 members, paying an annual fee of twenty-five cents. The library of the North Bridgton Academy, numbering in December 1900, 1590 volumes, is also available under certain restrictions to residents of this village.

BROOKLIN.

The Brooklin Library Association was organized July 6th, 1900. Its library is controlled by five trustees, numbers 450 volumes, has no printed or card catalogue and has circulated 350 volumes among 67 patrons. Its regular income is from annual dues which are one dollar for a man and fifty cents for a woman. Two hundred dollars have been spent for books and periodicals since its organization. Librarian, Mrs. Grace Johnston.

BROWNFIELD.

There is a public library of 600 volumes in Brownfield which has recently received the gift of a building site and a temporary home.

BRUNSWICK.

The Brunswick Public Library Association was organized in 1883, and its library was made free to all residents of the town in 1894. It numbers 8,938, and has a circulation of 24,514 volumes, not including the circulation of books in the branch libraries, among 6,069 registered borrowers. By the co-operation of a few public spirited individuals it maintains three branch Libraries in remoter portions of the town. It has a card catalogue of standard size, and issued a printed catalogue of 86 pages in 1893. It receives an annual appropriation of \$1,000 from the town, and the use of a room in the town building. It also has invested funds amounting to \$3,300. Librarian, Miss Mary G. Gilman.

Bowdoin College Library is the oldest in the state, dating from a period soon after the incorporation of the institution in 1794. Many of the early donations were in the form of books, and the usefulness of these was increased in 1803, by the expenditure of over a thousand dollars upon recent publications. In 1812 the valuable private library of the first patron of the college, Hon. James Bowdoin, numbering four thousand titles was received. In 1881 there were added the libraries of the Athenaeum and Peucinian Societies, built up by student organizations and each containing five thousand volumes. The collection of the Maine Medical School, established in 1820, is also administered as part of the college library. This numbers, in January 1902, 72,213 volumes, besides several thousand pamphlets. It has an annual appropriation of \$3,000 from the general funds of the college, besides the income of book funds amounting to \$30,000. Its annual expenditure for books, periodicals and binding is \$3,250, for administration \$4,200. It receives regularly 174 periodicals of which 44 are given. It has an annual circulation of 7,738 volumes among about 300 registered borrowers. Like the state library, it loans volumes to responsible persons in any portion of the state when needed for the purposes of study or research. In the past, portions of the successive college chapels have been assigned as its quarters, but now there is being erected for it, by the munificence of Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard of New York City, a fireproof library building, with a capacity of upwards of 200,000 volumes. Librarian, George T. Little.

BUCKFIELD.

The Zadoc Long Free Library was dedicated August 19, 1901. It was erected at a cost of \$3000, and is the gift of the Hon. John D. Long in memory of his parents. It now contains about 2300 volumes, and will be maintained, it is understood, by the town.

BUCKSPORT.

The Buck Memorial Library was established in 1889 by a legacy of \$9,500 from Miss Emma Buck. It numbered in December, 1901, 3880 volumes, and had a circulation of 3,797 among 141 persons. An annual fee of \$1.00 is charged for the use of the library, but free cards are issued to teachers in the public schools for the use of their pupils. The library is also of service to the students of the Eastern Maine Conference Seminary. The library receives 21 periodicals, and expends for books, \$160. It is now being arranged by the decimal classification. Beside its building and an endowment fund, the library has the "Ruby Lord" book fund yielding \$25.00 a year. Librarian, Miss Alice B. Gardner.

CALAIS.

The Calais Free Library was established in 1894 through the generosity of James S. Pike, Esq., who gave to the city for that purpose his home-
stead, his private library and a certain portion of his estate which will eventually amount to nearly \$20,000. Its attractive library building was

erected from a bequest of \$5000 from Hon. F. A. Pike, and from one of the same amount from Freeman H. Todd of St. Stephen. In 1893 the St. Croix Library Association voted to place their books, amounting to 3633 volumes, in the free library building to be administered as a portion of it. The library is under the control of seven trustees originally appointed by the city council but with power to elect new members to fill vacancies. The library numbers in 1900, 6420 volumes and has a circulation of 19,362. It expends upon books and periodicals, of which 33 are taken, \$435 and for administration \$865. The library is arranged by the decimal classification and has a catalogue of the standard size. A branch library is maintained at Red Beach, a section at a considerable distance from the library building. The city annually appropriates upwards of \$1000 for the maintenance of the library. Librarian, Miss Josephine C. Moore.

CAMDEN.

The Camden Public Library was established in December, 1896. Its nine trustees are chosen by the selectmen, and it is maintained by the town which makes an annual appropriation of \$500. The library is arranged by the decimal classification, has a card catalogue and also a printed one of 59 pages. It numbered in November, 1901, 3212 volumes, has 1469 registered borrowers, and has loaned 12,125 volumes. It receives 16 periodicals, and expends about \$125 upon books, and \$500 for administration. Librarian, Miss Sara S. Glover.

CANAAN.

The Wilshire Library was established in 1878 but met with serious loss by fire in 1896. Its only income is from the fees received for books loaned, about 100 volumes a year. Librarian, Norman J. Rawding.

CARIBOU.

There is a library association at Caribou with a collection of 1100 volumes but no further statistics respecting it have been received.

CASTINE.

The Castine Town Library has the honor of being the first free town library in the State. It succeeded a social library organized in 1801 and since 1855 has been maintained by the municipality and free to all residents. The annual appropriation is about \$200. The library numbers 3000 volumes and has nearly 1000 registered borrowers. Librarian, P. J. Hooke.

CHERRYFIELD.

The Cherryfield Public Library was established September 24, 1898. It has been free from the first and is controlled by six trustees chosen by the town which makes an annual appropriation for its support. Its growth, however, has been mainly due to the fostering interest of a local literary club. It numbers, December 1901, 1260 volumes, spends on an

average \$20 a year for books and \$30 for all other purposes. Librarian, Miss Rebecca Burnham.

CLINTON.

The Brown Memorial Library was established July 21, 1900 by Hon. W. W. Brown of Portland as a memorial of his parents. He gave the attractive library building, constructed of Conway granite with sandstone trimmings and slate roof, of which two engravings may be found in the report of the state librarian for 1899-1900, also a carefully selected collection of 2500 volumes, and an endowment fund upon which the town guarantees an income of \$350. The library numbers, June 20, 1901, 2702 volumes and has a circulation of 12,013 among 556 borrowers. The expenditure for books and periodicals, of which 14 are received, is \$100, for administration \$250. The library is arranged by the decimal classification and has issued a printed catalogue of 53 pages. Of the five trustees three are selected by the town and two by the family of the donor. Librarian, Miss L. Grace Weymouth.

CORINNA.

The Stewart Free Library was established October 18, 1898 by L. M. Stewart Esq., of Minneapolis, Minn., who personally selected the 3100 volumes with which it began its existence. Its home is in the town building which Mr. Stewart erected at a cost of \$60,000 and gave to his native place as a memorial of his parents. A picture and description of this may be found in the report of the state librarian for 1897-8. The control is vested in a board of seven trustees, of whom one is chosen at each annual town meeting. The library consists, December 1901, of 3650 volumes and is arranged according to the decimal classification. The circulation for the past year was 7525. There is a card catalogue of standard size, and a printed catalogue was issued in 1900. The average expenditure for books and periodicals, of which six are taken, is \$125; for all other purposes \$425. The library is open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and is patronized especially by the teachers and pupils of the Corinna Union Academy and the village schools. Librarian, John Howard Winchester.

CORNISH.

The Cornish Library Association was organized in 1867 and is indirectly reported as having a library of 1350 volumes with a circulation of 2600, and a total income of \$61.

CUMBERLAND.

The Cumberland Centre Circulating Library was established in 1894 and is maintained by a membership fee of fifty cents a year, and occasional entertainments. It numbers 343 volumes, spends \$33 a year on new books, and has a circulation of 1064 among 48 borrowers. Librarian, Mrs. Cora Etta Adams.

CUTLER.

The Shepard Free Library was established in 1885, largely by the gift of one hundred volumes by Professor Shepard of Hartford, Conn., and has grown through the gifts of summer visitors and the occasional contributions of a local club. It now numbers 200 volumes, circulates about fifty books among fifty-seven registered borrowers, and is without regular income. Librarian, Mrs. Fred W. Thurlow.

DAMARISCOTTA.

The Skidompha Club, established in 1885, maintains a circulating library of 1310 volumes. It has a circulation of about 2500 volumes among 50 borrowers. It charges an annual fee of \$1.00, and expends about \$75.00 upon books and \$50.00 upon administration. It printed a catalogue of nineteen pages in 1890. It has no source of income aside from fees and gifts, and an unusual proportion of the books are fiction. Librarian, William K. Hilton.

DEER ISLE.

The Phoenix Library was established about 1863 and now numbers 495 volumes. While belonging to a private association, any resident may enjoy the use of it on payment of the membership fee of \$1.00, and the annual tax of fifty cents. Librarian, Miss Lillian M. Robbins.

DENNYVILLE.

The Dennyville Library Association was established in 1867. Its collection numbers 1550 volumes, with a circulation of about 2000 among 80 borrowers. It requires an annual fee of twenty-five cents, takes six periodicals, and spends \$50 upon books. It has no administration expenses. Librarian, Miss Sarah G. Lincoln.

DEXTER.

The Dexter Town Library was established in 1881 and is free to all. Its library building and lot, costing \$30,000, was the gift of G. A. Abbott, Esq. The collection numbers in March, 1901, 6,285 volumes. It has a circulation of 20,417 among 868 registered borrowers. It receives regularly twenty periodicals, and expends upon books \$387, and upon administration \$460. The library has a card catalogue for the use of the librarian, has printed a young people's list of a thousand volumes, and has an author list in preparation. Its full catalogue of 1893 has been supplemented by sixteen bulletins. The library is under the control of five trustees chosen by the town which must appropriate \$300 annually, and usually appropriates twice that amount. There is also an endowment fund of \$6,000. Special privileges are allowed teachers in the public schools, and particular attention is given to supplying the needs of the literary clubs. Librarian, Miss Lizzie S. Springall.

DOVER.

The Thompson Free Library dates from March 15th, 1897, when the town of Dover accepted the offer of Dr. Elbridge A. Thompson to erect a library building and endow it with \$10,000. The structure is of brick with a slate roof, and conveniently located. The library numbers, November 1, 1901, 3,260 volumes, and has a circulation of 10,872 among 1,436 registered borrowers. The average expenditure for books and periodicals, of which twenty-seven are taken, is \$500, for administration, \$500. The library is arranged by the decimal classification and has a card catalogue of the standard size. There are five trustees, but the control of the library is in the hands of an executive committee of the library association. Dover and Foxcroft together annually appropriate \$500 for the maintenance of the library, which is, of course, free to the residents of both towns. Librarian, Miss Mary E. Averill.

EAST MACHIAS.

The East Machias Public Library Association was established in 1874. Its only source of income is an annual fee of one dollar, or of five cents for each book loaned. The library numbers, December, 1901, 1,427 volumes and has a circulation of 840. The average amount spent for books is \$35. There are no administration expenses. Librarian, Josiah Harris.

EAST LIVERMORE.

The Livermore Falls Library Association was established January 1, 1901. Its library numbered 533 volumes on December 10, 1901, and had a circulation of 1,257 among 100 borrowers. It is maintained by membership fees of \$2.00 a year, but any person may borrow books for one-half that sum. It has a card catalogue of index size, and its projectors hope to obtain an appropriation from the town for its maintenance, and to change it to a free library. Librarian, Mrs. Kate Howe Sewall.

EASTPORT.

The Public Library is indirectly reported as established in 1879, is composed of 7,060 volumes, with an annual circulation of 19,000. It has a library building, and an annual income of \$710, of which \$600 is appropriated by the city. Librarian, Miss Charlotte Wood.

EDEN.

The Bar Harbor Village Library was established in 1876. It has a building of its own, and a collection of about 7,000 volumes. It receives \$100 annually from the village corporation, but is dependent chiefly upon subscriptions and gifts from summer visitors. It is free to all permanent residents of Bar Harbor, but special fees are collected from summer visitors. The annual circulation is 12,884. The expenditure for books and periodicals, of which nineteen are taken, is \$350, for administration, \$800.

The collection is arranged by the decimal classification, has a card catalogue and expects to issue a printed catalogue in 1902. Librarian, Miss Adeline M. Bunker.

EDGEComb.

A small circulating library, established in 1861, at North Edgecomb, is no longer used to any extent by residents of the town. Librarian, Mrs. Charles H. Cunningham.

ELIOT.

The Fogg Memorial Library was established in 1894 through a bequest from Dr. John S. H. Fogg of Boston who gave the family homestead for a library site, his private library and a considerable amount of property for its maintenance, subject to the life interest of his widow. The library, in January 1902, numbers 1,550 volumes, and has a circulation of 500. New books are not now being purchased but seven periodicals are regularly taken at an expense of \$17.00. The cost of administration is \$35.00. A nominal fee of ten cents is charged for use of the library. Librarian, Howard P. Libbey.

ELLSWORTH.

The City Library of Ellsworth was established in 1870. It became a free library in 1891 and is controlled by a board of five trustees chosen by the city government which makes an annual appropriation of \$700 for its maintenance. The library building is a gift from Mr. G. N. Black of Boston. The collection numbers, August 1901, 4,090 volumes. It is arranged by the decimal classification, has a card catalogue, index size, and issued a printed catalogue in 1896. The circulation for the past year was 10,428 among 387 borrowers. Of 17 periodicals regularly received, nine are gifts. Librarian, Miss Adelaide True.

ETNA.

The Happy Hour Library Association was organized in 1875, and has a collection of 400 volumes free to any resident by the payment of twenty-five cents a year. Librarian, Miss Amanda M. Sylvester.

FAIRFIELD.

The Lawrence Library was established in July, 1901, largely through the efforts of the ladies of the place. A building site and \$1,000 for books came from Mrs. L. E. Newhall, while the beautiful and substantial stone library structure, its furnishings, and \$1,000 for books, were the gift of Edward J. Lawrence. A reference library was presented by the Fairfield Book Club, and 300 volumes by Mr. G. H. Colby of Lancaster, N. H. The collection numbers in December, 1901, 3,500 volumes and had, during the preceding four months, a circulation of 5,528 among 537 registered borrowers. It is free to residents and open to non-residents on the payment of a fee of \$1.00. It is maintained by an appropriation from the town and by membership fees of the library association which selects

the seven trustees. Sixteen periodicals are regularly received. The collection is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a catalogue of the standard size. It has already been of special use to the public schools. Librarian, Miss Frances Kenrick.

FARMINGTON.

The Farmington Public Library Association was formed in 1891. Its collection numbers 7,100, and has a circulation of about 2,500 among 500 registered borrowers. It is of special service to students of the normal school. The annual fee for the use of the library is \$1.50. The annual expenditure for books is \$500, for administration \$300. Isaac M. Cutler who had previously given \$1,000 for books, and John L. Cutler are now erecting for its use a library building costing \$20,000. Librarian, Flora A. Brooks.

FORT FAIRFIELD.

Fort Fairfield Public Library was established February 4, 1895. It is under the control of five trustees chosen by the town, which makes annual appropriation for its support. It contains 1,353 volumes, and has a circulation of 5,341. The expenditure for books is \$150, for other purposes \$75.00. It issued a printed catalogue of twenty pages in 1898, with annual supplements since that date. Librarian, Charles E. Hoit, Jr.

FOX-CROFT.

This town unites with Dover in making an annual appropriation for the maintenance of the Thompson Free Library, the privileges of which are enjoyed by its citizens.

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 The Freeport Library Association was organized in October, 1900, and by reason of the gift of \$1,000 from ~~Miss Bartol~~ ^{Bartol} of Philadelphia, will probably be incorporated as the Bartol Library Association. It has a collection of 1,041 volumes, and a circulation of 6,918 among 320 borrowers. The annual fee is fifty cents. The expenditures for books and periodicals, of which five are regularly taken, is \$182, for administration purposes, \$155. It is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a card catalogue of the index size. Its eleven trustees are chosen by the association, and the only source of income are fees and donations. Librarian, Will O. Hersey.

FRYEBURG.

The Woman's Library Club of Fryeburg is said to have a circulating library of 1,800 volumes but no report has been received from it.

GARDINER.

The Gardiner Public Library was established in 1874. It is under the control of six trustees, of whom the mayor of the city is ex-officio chairman, and the others are chosen by the city council which appropriates

annually \$700 for its maintenance. The collection, which occupies a brick building on the main business street, numbers 6,675 volumes, and has about 600 registered borrowers. The annual expenditure for books is \$400, for administration, \$700. The collection is arranged by the decimal classification and has a card catalogue of standard size. It also issued a printed catalogue in 1884. The library became free to all residents in 1896, and has since been of special assistance to teachers and scholars. Librarian, Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis.

GORHAM.

The Gorham Library Association was established April 3, 1882. Its collection numbers 3,885 volumes with a circulation of 5,773 among 133 regular subscribers. The annual fee for the use of the library is fifty cents. The expenditure for books and periodicals, of which ten are taken, is \$125, for administration, \$70. It has a card catalogue and issued in 1884 a printed catalogue of forty-eight pages. By a special act of the legislature passed in 1893, this library can become at any time a free public library, but the association has not deemed it prudent to accept the act until funds for its maintenance are assured. It has received since its organization nearly \$4,000 in gifts. Librarian, Miss Hattie M. Files.

GOULDSBOROUGH.

The Prospect Harbor Library was established in 1884 and numbers, in October, 1901, 315 volumes. Its only source of income is an annual fee of fifty cents. The expenditure for books is \$15, and the service of administration is given. The circulation is less than one hundred volumes among thirty borrowers. Librarian, Miss Alice M. Cole.

GRAFTON.

The ladies of Grafton formed a library association in May, 1894, and made their collection free to all in February of the following year. It now numbers 600 volumes, has a circulation of 500 among fifty persons. A printed catalogue of thirteen pages was issued in 1897. It is maintained at the expense of the library association, and by means of occasional gifts from non-residents. Librarian, Mrs. Angela M. Farrar.

GRAY.

There is no public library in Gray, but the collection of 800 volumes belonging to the Pennell Institution is available to former pupils of the school who make up a large part of the population of the town. This collection is regularly increased from the income of invested funds.

HALLOWELL.

The Hubbard Free Library dates from 1842 when the Hallowell Social Library was incorporated under the general law of the State. Its early history, with a heliotype of its building, may be found in "Address and

poem at the dedication of the Hallowell Library, March 9, 1880 with historical sketch." In 1893, on the occasion of the gift of \$20,000 from Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard of New York City, the library was made free to all and received its present name. The library building, an attractive gothic structure, built of granite from the local quarries, was at the same time enlarged at a cost of \$12,000. There are seventeen trustees, the mayor of the city, ex-officio, Gen. Hubbard for life, and of the others, five are chosen annually for a term of three years. The library is maintained from the income of invested funds amounting to \$22,000, derived from the gift alluded to above, and from bequests by Mr. Charles Vaughan and Mrs. Eliza Lowell. The library has also received benefactions from members of the Vaughan, the Merrick and the Dummer families. It numbers, in December, 1900, 9,000 volumes and has an annual circulation of 13,200. There are about 500 borrowers. A printed catalogue of 320 pages was issued in 1900. Twenty-four periodicals are regularly taken, of which three are gifts. The average annual expenditure for books and periodicals is \$400, for all other purposes, \$700. The library is of special use to teachers and pupils in the public schools. Librarian, Miss Annie F. Page.

HANOVER.

The Pierce Library of Hanover, named for its patron Alfred Pierce, of Boston, was established February 4, 1895. It has always been free and has no regular source of income, being maintained by a library corporation. It contains 1,300 volumes, and loans 690 among about seventy-five borrowers. It expends annually about \$10.00 upon books, and all the service of administration is given. It issued in 1896 a printed catalogue of thirty pages. Its only source of income is from gifts which have mainly been in books. Librarian, Mrs. Viola J. Russell.

HARRINGTON.

The Village Library Association is reported to have 2,500 volumes but no details have been received respecting this collection.

HARTLAND.

The Hartland Academy Free Library was established in 1895, and is maintained through the exertion of the pupils and teachers. It numbers 133 volumes, but no data is available as to circulation and borrowers. Librarian, Miss Lydia Page Foss.

HEBRON.

The Hamlin Library, established by a gift of \$1,000 by Hon. Hannibal Hamlin to Hebron Academy, serves as a village as well as a school library. It numbers 1,862 volumes, has a circulation of 750 among about 200 persons. It annually spends for books and periodicals, of which thirty-five are regularly received, \$140. It has no catalogue and is under the care of the principal, William E. Sargent, A. M.

HIRAM.

The Hiram Library Association has during the year established a free public library, but no details respecting its administration are now available.

HOULTON.

The Houlton Public Library was established May 18, 1899. It numbered, in February, 1901, 1,187 volumes and has a circulation of 8,165 among 300 registered borrowers. It is under the control of nine trustees, of whom six are chosen by the corporation, and three by the town, which makes an annual appropriation for its maintenance. The average expenditure for books is \$300, for administration, \$100. It issued in 1900 a printed catalogue, and subsequently two supplements. Librarian, Miss Hortense Miller.

There is also in Houlton, the library of the Ricker Classical Institute, established in 1848 and numbering 1,107 volumes. It has a circulation among the teachers and pupils of the school, of 466 volumes. It is supplied with a card catalogue, and expends \$40.00 a year upon books. Librarian, Miss Lucia H. Morrill.

ISLAND FALLS.

The Public Library at Island Falls was destroyed, with the high school building, by fire, on December 22, 1901.

JONESBOROUGH.

There is said to be a public library in this town of 400 volumes, but no report has been received from it.

JONESPORT.

The Jonesport Free Library was established September 7, 1893, largely through gifts of Boston parties and the labors of ladies resident in the town. It numbers 872 volumes, and has a circulation of about 2,000 volumes among 300 persons. It expends \$100 upon books and periodicals, of which fifteen are regularly taken, and \$60.00 for administration. It issued a printed catalogue of twelve pages in 1895. It aims especially to serve the young, and is trying to maintain a children's department. It is under the control of five trustees appointed by the town, which, since 1900, has made an appropriation for its maintenance. Librarian, Mrs. D. D. Kelley.

KENDUSKEAG.

The Kenduskeag Public Library, which is free to all, was established in 1895 and is maintained by the local Woman's Temperance Union. It numbers 150 volumes and has a circulation of 600 among forty-six borrowers. The expenditure for books the past year has been \$12.50, for all other purposes \$18.00. Librarian, Miss Annie Edgerly.

KENNEBUNK.

The Kennebunk Free Library Association was organized in 1862. It gradually accumulated a library fund of \$1,500, and in 1900 received a legacy of \$10,000. Since 1897 the use of its books has been free to all, the town making an annual appropriation of \$200. There are twelve trustees chosen by the association for terms of three years. The library numbers about 4,000 volumes, and has a circulation of twice that number among 300 persons. The average expenditure for books and periodicals, of which ten are regularly taken, is \$275; for administration, \$200. It has a card catalogue of standard size. It has issued two printed catalogues, the last in 1900. Librarian, Miss Ella A. Clark.

The Temperance Free Library, established in 1889 and located at West Kennebunk, is maintained by a Good Templars lodge. It numbered, in October 1901, 1,250 volumes and has an annual circulation of 300. Its average expenditure for books is \$12, and it has issued two printed catalogues. Librarian, Miss Edith L. Caine.

KENNEBUNKPORT.

The Talbot Free Library was established in 1889 by Mrs. Julian Talbot of Lowell, Mass. It is open to the public without charge from October 1st to June 1st of each year. It contained, in August, 1901, 2,000 volumes, and had 392 borrowers. Librarian, Mrs. Annie Peabody Brooks.

KITTERY.

The Rice Public Library was established February 2, 1874, by a fund of \$30,000, bequeathed by Miss Arabella Rice of Portsmouth. The library building was erected in 1889 at a cost of \$18,500. It is free to all, but under the control of a board of seven trustees who fill their own vacancies. It numbers 6,000 volumes, and has a circulation of 9,157 among 585 registered borrowers. The annual expenditure for books and periodicals, of which it receives fourteen, is \$400, for all other purposes, \$1,000. It is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a card catalogue of standard size. It issued in 1881, a printed catalogue of seventy pages, and a supplement in 1895 of forty pages. Librarian, Mrs. Abbie A. P. Goodsoe.

LEBANON.

The Lebanon Public Library was established in 1898, and is maintained by the town, which makes an annual appropriation of varying amount. It numbers 754 volumes, and has a circulation of 2,337 among 275 registered borrowers. The average expenditure for books is \$100. It has a card catalogue of standard size. Librarian, George R. Cate, M. D.

LEWISTON.

The Free Public Library was established in March 1901. It is under the control of seven trustees of whom the mayor is an ex-officio member.

Four are chosen by the city council which has pledged an annual appropriation of \$5,000 for its maintenance, one by the local society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and one by the Manufacturers and Mechanics Association, provided the latter donate its books to the new library. A granite library building, the gift of Andrew Carnegie, is now being erected at a cost of \$50,000 upon a site purchased by the city for \$9,000. The source of this successful movement for a free public library may be traced to the free reading room and circulating library maintained for the past two years by the Daughters of the American Revolution under the name of the Androscoggin Historical and Free Public Library.

The Manufacturers and Mechanics Library Association was established in 1861. Its library, available to all on the payment of an annual fee of \$1.00, has been maintained by the generosity of the manufacturing corporations of the city. There are six trustees, and any person or corporation contributing two hundred dollars to its support is entitled to representation on this board. Its valuable collection was destroyed in the conflagration of the city building in 1890. The library was reorganized in 1892, and now contains 8,776 volumes and 826 pamphlets. It has an annual circulation of 1,300. It expends upon books and periodicals, of which twenty-one are regularly taken, \$500, and upon administration, \$550. It has a card catalogue of the standard size, and also a printed catalogue of 184 pages issued in 1900. Librarian, Miss Mary A. Little.

Bates College Library dates from 1863. It numbered on June 12, 1901, 19,400 volumes and had a circulation of 6,452 among 340 persons. Fifty-five periodicals are regularly received. The annual expenditure for books is \$400, for administration, \$650. Each student is charged with a fee of \$3.00 a year for the use of the library. Its alcoves are open to the teachers in the Lewiston public schools, and for the investigation of special subjects to pupils of the high school. It is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a card catalogue of the standard size. It will shortly take possession of the imposing Coram library building, erected the past year at an expense of \$50,000, and named for the chief donor, Joseph A. Coram. Librarian, Miss Caroline A. Woodman.

The library of the Cobb Divinity School dates from 1840. It numbered, in November 1901, 4,271 volumes. An annual fee of \$4.00 is collected from students for its use, \$200 are spent upon books and periodicals, and \$75 upon administration. Fifty-nine periodicals are regularly received, of which thirty-five are given. There is a card catalogue of the standard size. Librarian, Professor Herbert R. Purington.

LIMERICK.

The Franklin Library was established in 1868. It numbers 1,300 volumes, and has a library building given by citizens of the town. Controlled by fifteen trustees, it has no income aside from the annual fee of one dollar paid by its sixty or more patrons. This amount is spent on books and administration in the ratio of four to one. It has a printed but no card catalogue. A movement is now being made to secure a permanent fund. Librarian (acting) Miss Ethel Edna Brown.

LINCOLN.

The Lincoln Library dates from a bequest of \$500 left to the town for this purpose by Isaac S. Burton about 1878. The books, 502 in number on July 9, 1896, are kept in a case in a private store; fifteen dollars a year being paid for rental and care. New books are procured from the library fees, two cents a week for each volume, which average \$30 a year and from occasional appropriations by the town. There are no catalogues and the library is not used by a majority of the people. Librarian, Eliza C. Clark.

LIVERMORE.

The Washburn Memorial Library, a gift of Hon. E. B. Washburn and Hon. William D. Washburn, was dedicated August 27, 1884. It is a gothic structure of Hallowell granite, costing \$10,000, and contains a library of 5,000 volumes. Owing, presumably, to its location, it has had the past year a circulation of only forty volumes among eight persons. It is free to all inhabitants of the original town of Livermore. Librarian, Mrs. Nettie R. Berry.

LOVELL.

The Woman's Library Club has maintained a public library since December, 1899. It numbers 250 volumes, and has a circulation of about the same number among sixty persons. It charges members a fee of fifty cents a year, and expends about \$15.00 upon new books. There are no expenses for administration. Librarian, Miss Emily Irish.

LUBEC.

There is at Lubec a public library of 1,280 volumes for which both the town and the state made an appropriation in 1897, but no answer has been made to recent inquiries.

MACHIAS.

The Porter Memorial Library Association was incorporated January 27, 1891. Its library building of stone cost \$13,000 and was the gift of Mr. Henry H. Porter, Esq. The library has been free to residents since March 30, 1896 and receives an annual appropriation of \$400 from the town. It is under the charge of four trustees chosen by the association. It numbers, August 2, 1901, 4,210 volumes; has an annual circulation of 7,154 volumes among 595 registered borrowers; receives regularly thirteen periodicals of which three are given; spends on an average \$120 for books and \$400 for other expenses. It is arranged by the decimal system but has no printed or card catalogue. In April 1897 it received 1,000 volumes from Mr. Edward Payson, late of Salem, Mass. The library is of special service to school teachers, their pupils, and to the local literary club. Librarian, Miss Mary O. Longfellow.

MADISON.

Madison Public Library is maintained by an incorporated association controlled by fifteen trustees. Its library consists of 1218 volumes, and a fee of \$1.00 is charged for its use. The annual expenditure for books and periodicals, of which eleven are taken, is \$125, for administration the same amount, nearly one-half of it being expended for rent. A printed catalogue of sixty-two pages was issued in 1899. For the last few years the town and the leading corporation of the place have given \$100 each, for the maintenance of the library. This is, and always has been, free to pupils in the public schools for all reading in connection with their educational work. Librarian, Charles Oliver Small.

MECHANIC FALLS.

The Free Public Library of this place was established in 1899. It is controlled by three trustees, one chosen at each annual town meeting for a term of three years. The town appropriation of \$300 is equally divided between administration, including rent, and books. The "I. C.," a woman's club, has had much to do with the inception and the maintenance of the library, and besides special gifts makes an annual contribution of \$20 in money. Special pains is taken by the librarian to aid pupils in the public schools and the usefulness of the library to all members of the community is indicated by its large circulation. It numbers, November, 1901, 1,440 volumes, has 916 borrowers and a circulation of 1,300. It is arranged by the decimal classification and its card catalogue is of the standard size. Librarian, Mrs. Lizzie Jewett Butler.

MERCER.

The Shaw Library contains 1,000 well selected volumes under the charge of the selectmen. It has a circulation of 300 among twenty-five borrowers. No additions are now being made to the library, and the expenditure for administration is only \$10. Librarian, Miss Phoebe Quinby.

MILLBRIDGE.

The Millbridge Public Library was established September 26, 1896. It now numbers 536 volumes, and has a circulation of 500. The fee for the use of the library is five cents a week. The average expenditure for books is \$35, for administration, \$25. Librarian, Miss Mae E. Smith.

MONMOUTH.

The Cumston Public Library was established in June 1900 through the generosity of Charles M. Cumston, LL. D. A full account of Dr. Cumston's benefaction, with views of the building erected, may be found in the State Librarian's report for 1899-1900. The library contained, in August, 1901, 1,700 volumes and had a circulation of 5,500 among 409 registered borrowers. It expends upon books and periodicals, of which

eleven are regularly received, \$150. It is arranged by the decimal system, and is soon to publish a printed catalogue. It is free to all residents, but is under the control of seven trustees chosen by the library association. It has a small book fund, and enjoys an annual appropriation from the town for its maintenance. Librarian, Miss Caroline C. Pierce.

MT. DESERT.

The Northeast Harbor Library was established in 1892. It is only open during the summer, and is maintained by fees and gifts from summer residents. It numbers 3,400 volumes, has a circulation of 1,500 among 300 registered borrowers. It expends \$300 upon books and periodicals, of which twenty are regularly received. It has a card catalogue of the standard size. Librarian, Miss L. Belle Smalldige.

The Seal Harbor Library was established in 1890. It has a picturesquely situated library building of its own with a collection of 1,200 volumes. It has always been free, and loans about 2,500 volumes among seventy-five registered borrowers. It receives seventeen periodicals, and expends \$30 upon books and \$125 upon administration. It has a card catalogue, and is under the control of eight trustees. It has no source of income aside from the annual subscriptions and gifts from summer residents. Librarian, Miss Cora A. Jordan.

The Somesville Public Library was established in 1882, and has a building of its own. The library numbers 1,065 volumes and has a circulation of 1,260. It expends upon books and periodicals \$100, and for administration \$50. It is controlled by three trustees chosen by the library association, and has no source of income aside from subscriptions and fees. Librarian, Mrs. Emma H. Keniston.

NEW GLOUCESTER.

The New Gloucester Public Library was established in 1889. It occupies a building of its own erected in 1897 at a cost of \$1,500. It contained in December, 1901, 3,260 volumes and has an annual circulation of 1,800 among 500 borrowers. Its annual expenditure for books and periodicals, of which eight are regularly taken, is \$250; for administration, \$100. It has a card catalogue, and has issued printed catalogues in 1895, 1897, and 1901. It is under the control of three trustees chosen by the town. Librarian, Miss Helen A. Moseley.

NEW SHARON.

The New Sharon Free Library was established in 1859, contains 2,126 volumes, owns its own building and has an endowment fund of \$500. It is maintained by an annual appropriation from the town of somewhat less than \$100.

NEWPORT.

The Newport Public Library was established in 1900, and numbers 862 volumes. It has a circulation of 4,335 among 225 persons. It is arranged by the decimal classification, and has printed a catalogue of twenty-nine

pages. The annual expenditure for books is \$200, and for administration, \$60.00. Its eight trustees are chosen by a library association, and the town makes an annual appropriation of \$200 for its maintenance. Librarian, Miss Isabel Dyer.

NORRIDGEWOCK.

A free public library has been established at Norridgewock the past year but statistics respecting its management have not been received.

NORTH HAVEN.

There are said to be two public libraries in this town, one at North Haven, and the other at Pulpit Harbor, but their custodians have made no report to the commission.

NORTH YARMOUTH.

The Hamilton Place Library was established in November, 1893. It is essentially a private circulating library but conducted in such a way as to make it of general service to the community. It numbers 1,000 volumes, circulates about 300 among 25 borrowers, and charges a fee of fifty cents a year. Librarian, Mrs. Lura Anna Hamilton.

NORWAY.

The Norway Public Library was established by the town in 1892, and has been free from the first. It numbers 6,000 volumes, and has a circulation of 14,000 among 600 borrowers. It expends upon books \$100 a year and for administration \$700. It has issued a printed catalogue of 80 pages, and has also a card catalogue. Beside annual appropriations of \$500 from the town, the library enjoys the income of two book funds known as the Bearce and the Hawkins. Librarian, Miss Kate G. Monahan.

OAKLAND.

The Public Library at Oakland was established in 1899, and receives from the town an annual appropriation of \$100.

OLD ORCHARD.

The Old Orchard Public Library was established in 1898. It is under the control of three trustees chosen at the annual town-meeting for a three years' term of office. The town appropriates \$200 for the maintenance of the library, which is free to everyone. It now numbers 2,600 volumes, and has a circulation of 8,074 among 300 permanent residents and 400 summer visitors. The annual expenditure upon books and periodicals, of which 14 are regularly received, is \$100. for administration \$100. The collection is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a card catalogue of standard size. The library owes its origin to a local club of ladies, and proves of much service to the public schools. The support received from summer visitors is not as great as would be reasonably expected. Librarian, Mrs. Mary W. Means.

OLD TOWN.

The Old Town Public Library was established in February, 1892. It is under the charge of six trustees chosen by the city for terms of three years. It numbered in November, 1901, 3,009 volumes, and has a circulation of 12,004 among 500 borrowers. Its average annual expenditure for books is \$300, for administration \$150. It is arranged by the decimal classification, has a card catalogue of the standard size, and issued a printed one of 27 pages in 1896. The annual appropriation from the city has varied from year to year. The library lot was given by the Union Land Company. Librarian, Miss Charlotte C. Folsom.

ORLAND.

The Orland Town Library was established in 1891. It is under the charge of the town officers, numbers 300 volumes and has a circulation of about 60 among 25 borrowers. The library is free to all, but no recent additions have been made to it. Librarian, Ernest O. Sugden.

ORONO.

The W. C. T. U. Free Public Library is maintained by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union which selects its five trustees. It was established about 1890. The town for several years has made an annual appropriation of \$250 for its maintenance. The library numbers 1,660 volumes, and has an estimated circulation of 3,800 among 300 borrowers. The average expenditure for books and periodicals, of which 14 are regularly received, is \$50, for administration \$250. The library has a card catalogue of standard size, and is of special service to the young people of the community. Librarian, Mrs. Addie L. Harvey.

The Library of the University of Maine dates from 1868. It numbers, December, 1901, 21,400 volumes, and has an estimated circulation of 8,000. The annual expenditure for books and periodicals is \$2,000, for administration the same amount. It is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a card catalogue of the standard size. One hundred and ninety periodicals are regularly received by subscription and one hundred and sixty-one by gift. Though intended for the members of the University, other persons may obtain its privileges by special arrangement, and a few are in the habit of doing so. Librarian, Ralph K. Jones.

OTISFIELD.

The Otisfield Library Association was established in 1881. It has a collection of 500 volumes, with a circulation of 200, and an annual expenditure upon books and periodicals of \$10. It has a printed catalogue. Its only source of income aside from gifts, is the annual fee of fifty cents. Librarian, Mrs. Ada E. Spurr.

OXFORD.

The Freeland Holmes Library was established in 1876. It numbers 1,500 volumes, and receives an annual appropriation of \$100 from the town. Librarian, George H. Jones.

PALMYRA.

The Palmyra Library was established in 1894. It is controlled by five trustees chosen by the town, which makes an annual appropriation for its maintenance. It numbers 467 volumes, and has a circulation of 500 among about 100 borrowers. It expends upon books and periodicals \$50, and for administration \$15. It has issued a printed catalogue. Librarian, Miss Cora Bell Frost.

PARIS.

The Hamlin Memorial Library at Paris Hill, was established by Dr. Augustus C. Hamlin of Bangor, in November, 1900. It occupies the old county jail which has been remodeled into an attractive reading room and museum for minerals. The library is free to all and contains about 400 volumes. Librarian, Miss Una P. Taylor.

The West Paris Public Library was established April 12, 1889. It is dependent upon annual fees of twenty-five cents a year, and upon the gifts of friends for its increase, the average expenditure for books not exceeding \$15. It numbers, August 15, 1901, 346 volumes and circulates 820 among 44 persons. The books are arranged by the decimal system and it issued, in January, 1901, a printed catalogue of 17 pages. Librarian, Mrs. Anna W. White.

The Prentiss Library, established in 1860 by Henry E. Prentiss Esq., of Bangor, for the benefit of residents of School District No. 16, is an interesting example of an endowed library, free to a portion of the town in which it is situated. It numbers, December, 1901, 820 volumes which are kept in a private house. It has a catalogue of 24 pages printed in 1890 and circulates about 300 books among 80 persons. The annual expenditure of \$26 for books and of \$36 for administration is derived from a fund given by Mr. Prentiss. Librarian, William E. Curtis.

The Paris Public Library Association was organized at South Paris in 1885. Its library now numbers 2,000 volumes and has a circulation of 1,070 among 80 borrowers. An annual fee of one dollar is charged for the use of the library. The average expenditure for books and periodicals is \$75, for administration \$100. A printed catalogue of 26 pages was issued in 1896. Librarian, Miss Alice B. Knight.

PARSONSFIELD.

There is said to be a public library at Kezar Falls but the custodian has not answered inquiries.

PHILLIPS.

The Free Public Library was established in 1894. According to the last report received, it numbers 2,300 volumes, and receives from the town an annual appropriation of \$300. Librarian, Mrs. A. M. Greenwood.

PITTSFIELD.

The Pittsfield Free Library was established in 1895. It numbered in 1901, 1,675 volumes, and has a circulation of 10,400 among 525 persons. The annual expenditure for books is \$300, and for administration \$100. The library has a card catalogue and issued a printed one of thirty pages in August, 1901. It has three trustees chosen by the library association, and the appropriation by the town for its maintenance has varied in successive years. The library is of particular service to the operatives in the mills. Librarian, Miss Elizabeth G. Kimball.

PORTLAND.

The Portland Public Library dates from 1867. From its formal union in 1876 with the Portland Athenaeum, which was incorporated in 1827 and which succeeded the previously existing Portland Social Library, it is in the direct line of descent from the pre-Revolutionary library described on page 19 of "Public Libraries of the United States." Washington, 1876. A full history of the present library by its first librarian, Edward A. Noyes, Esq., is given in the "Dedicatory Exercises of the Baxter Building" published in 1889, with views of the exterior and interior of its present home. This structure, the gift of Hon. James P. Baxter, is in the Romanesque style of architecture and occupies a frontage of seventy feet on Congress Street. It is of fireproof construction, built of brick and iron with a façade of brown freestone adorned with statues. Its cost, including the land, was \$75,000. On taking possession of this building, which it occupies in common with the Maine Historical Society, the library which had previously charged an annual fee, became free to all citizens of Portland. It is controlled by a board of twenty trustees whose term of office is not limited and who fill vacancies as they occur. The library numbers, January, 1902, 50,519 volumes, arranged by a fixed location system. It is well catalogued by two card catalogues and by a printed catalogue of 430 pages issued in 1890, to which two supplements have been added, one of 120 pages in 1896, and one of 177 pages in 1901. The annual circulation (1901) is 98,002; the number of registered borrowers 7,073. One hundred and eighty-nine periodicals are taken, of which 51 are given. The average annual expenditure for books, periodicals and binding is \$3,000; for all other purposes \$10,000. The library is mainly supported by the annual city appropriation of \$6,000 and by the income of invested funds; of these may be mentioned the N. C. Sawyer fund of \$12,000 and the Ira P. Farrington fund of \$81,000. Other notable bequests are the private library of William Willis, rich in local histories and manuscripts, and \$25,000 from the estate of the late Joseph

Walker which was employed in building a fireproof stack room as an extension of the present building. School teachers, clergymen and authors are granted special cards and extra privileges. Books are reserved for the use of school children and special efforts made to help them in looking up subjects. Librarian, Miss Alice Caroline Furbish.

The library of the Maine Historical Society dates from 1822. For many years it occupied the north wing of King Chapel at Bowdoin College. In 1880 it was removed to Portland and now occupies the upper portion of the Baxter Public Library building. It numbers 13,950 volumes, receives 22 periodicals devoted to history and genealogy, is arranged by the decimal classification and has a card catalogue. A bequest from the Walker estate of \$2,500 was largely spent on books relating to English local history and not elsewhere to be obtained in this state. This library does not circulate books and is nominally for the use of members only. Practically its rooms and books are free to all who wish to consult them. Librarian, Hubbard Winslow Bryant.

The library of the Maine Genealogical Society has also its home in the Baxter Library building. It contains 2,413 bound volumes and 2,307 pamphlets, and its collection of 817 family genealogies is far the largest in this state. Librarian, Joseph P. Thompson.

PRESQUE ISLE.

The Presque Isle Library Association was established in 1875, and is controlled by an association with a membership fee of \$1.00. The collection numbers 2,000 volumes, and has a circulation of 6,000 among 125 borrowers. Its annual expenditure for books is \$150, and it issued in 1895 a printed catalogue. Librarian, Fred H. Blake.

PRINCETON.

There is a public library of 400 volumes at Princeton which receives an annual appropriation of \$125 from the town, but its custodian has made no further report to the Commission.

READFIELD.

The Readfield Library was established in 1884. It numbers 608 volumes, and has a circulation of 346 among 184 borrowers. The expenditure for books is \$50. It is maintained by an annual town appropriation, and is designed especially to assist the public schools, and is now under the charge of the superintendent of schools, William G. Hunton, Esq.

RICHMOND.

The Richmond Library Association was established in 1867. It has a library of 5,000 volumes and an endowment fund of \$1,000. Further inquiries have not been answered.

RIPLEY.

The Crocker Free Library was established in 1898. It is under the control of five trustees chosen by the town, which makes an annual appropriation of \$100 for its maintenance. It numbers 800 volumes, and has 150 registered borrowers. It has a card catalogue of standard size and has issued a printed catalogue. The expenditure for books is \$100, and for administration \$50. Librarian, E. H. Ramsdell.

ROCKLAND.

The Rockland Public Library was established January 19, 1895. It is under the control of nine trustees chosen by the city council, with the mayor as an ex-officio member of the board. It numbers, in December, 1901, 7,500 volumes, and has a circulation of 35,548 among 2,711 borrowers. It regularly receives 32 periodicals, seven of which are given. The collection is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a card catalogue of the standard size. It has also issued a printed catalogue of 151 pages. Besides the private library of the late Dr. F. E. Hitchcock, the library has received by gift the large and valuable collection of Napoleonic literature made by the late Hon. Albert S. Rice which contains many rare and extra-illustrated volumes. Its income is derived from an annual appropriation of \$1,500 from the city, the usual aid from the state, and occasional private gifts. Librarian, Miss Nancy I. Burbank.

SACO.

The Dyer Library Association was established in 1881 on occasion of a bequest of nearly \$50,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Dyer for a public library. The association succeeded to the library of the Saco Athenaeum which contained 5,000 volumes. It is controlled by a board of ten trustees who fill their own vacancies. The library, which is free to all residents of the city, now numbers 13,000 volumes, and has a circulation of 27,000. The annual expenditure for books and periodicals, of which three are taken, is \$1,000; for administration \$1,200. The library is arranged by the decimal classification, has a card catalogue, and has issued a printed catalogue of 120 pages with two supplements. It has also attempted to circulate travelling libraries in the vicinity. Librarian, John Haley.

The Sweetser School Library at Thornton Academy is the largest and best equipped connected with any secondary school in the state. It has an endowment fund of \$10,000 given by the late Cornelius Sweetser, and a library building costing over \$20,000 is being erected for it by Mrs. Annie C. Thornton and her daughter, in memory of Col. C. C. G. Thornton. It was established September 9, 1899. It numbers 3,000 volumes with an annual circulation of 3,350 among 150 borrowers. The annual expenditure for books and periodicals, of which 25 are regularly received, is \$400, for administration \$100. It is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a card catalogue of the standard size. Librarian, Miss Henrietta Moody.

ST. ALBANS.

There is no circulating library in St. Albans, but the collection of law reports, and state, county and national documents belonging to the town is in charge of Mr. S. B. Prescott, the town librarian.

SANFORD.

The Sanford Public Library was established June 18, 1898. It is under the control of six trustees chosen by the library association, but was made free to all on June 1, 1900, and receives an annual appropriation from the town. Use of a building is given by Mr. Thomas Goodall. It numbers, in December, 1901, 1,700 volumes, and has had a circulation of nearly 10,000 among 600 persons. The expenditure for books and periodicals, of which 31 are taken, is \$500, for administration \$250. It is open every evening, and Saturday afternoons throughout the year. Special privileges are given to teachers and scholars in the public schools. It is arranged by the decimal classification, and issued a printed catalogue of 42 pages in August, 1901. Librarian, Bently Aveyard.

SCARBORO.

The Scarboro Public Library was established April 1, 1897, largely from the proceeds of a course of lectures. Its library building, erected in 1900 at a cost of \$1,250, was the gift of the trustees of the Joseph Walker estate and the heirs of H. J. Libby. It numbers, December 6, 1901, 876 volumes, circulates 1,300 volumes among 112 persons, is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a printed catalogue of twelve pages. It is under the control of a self perpetuating board of seven trustees, and is free to all. Librarian, Emery Warren Moody.

SEARSPORT.

The Sears Public Library was established in 1872 by a valuable collection of books given by David Sears, Esq., of Boston. It is controlled by a library committee appointed by the selectmen. It is free to all and the town annually appropriates \$75 for the running expenses. Additions are made by individual gifts, and by money raised by public entertainments. It contains (estimate of 1900) 1,700 volumes and circulates about 1,500 among 400 borrowers. It is reported as arranged by the expansive classification, has a card catalogue, and issued in 1891 a printed one of 36 pages. Librarian, Mrs. Jennet B. Rice.

SKOWHEGAN.

The Skowhegan Free Library was established June 13, 1890. Its building and endowment fund were the gift of Ex-Gov. Coburn. It is free to all but is controlled by a self perpetuating board of nine trustees. It numbers 9,000 volumes, and has a circulation of about 25,000 among 1,200 persons. The expenditure for books and periodicals, of which 30

are regularly taken, is \$262, for administration \$550. It is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a card catalogue of the standard size. The collection is of special service to teachers and members of the literary clubs. Librarian, Miss Clara A. Morrison.

SOUTH BERWICK.

The Fogg Memorial Library was established May 1, 1895, and occupies a portion of the large and expensive building built under the will of Mrs. William H. Fogg, of New York City, for the use of Berwick Academy and of this library. An endowment fund was also provided, but as the accounts are not kept separate from those of the Academy, the cost of administration cannot be given definitely. There have been \$600 in special gifts during the last three years for the purchase of books, and the average annual expenditure has amounted to \$175 in addition. Thirty periodicals are regularly received, of which eleven are given. The library is under the charge of the trustees of Berwick Academy, a self perpetuating board of 15 members. At first intended only for pupils of the academy and residents of South Berwick, the use of the library is now free to all in the neighboring towns of North Berwick, Rollinsford, Eliot and Berwick. The collection numbers, November, 1901, 4,800 volumes, and has a circulation of 5,628 among 1,080 registered borrowers. It has a card catalogue of the standard size, and has issued a printed catalogue of fiction. It contains many interesting Japanese and Chinese volumes, hand painted, a copy of Thomas à Kempis's "De Imitatione Christi," printed in 1492, and other bibliographical rarities. An effort is made to extend the usefulness of the library to the public schools, by issuing many books at one time to teachers for school use. There is special interest in nature study, and many books have been purchased in that line. Librarian, Miss Ella W. Ricker.

SOUTH PORTLAND.

The South Portland Public Library was established in January, 1885. It is controlled by seven trustees chosen by the library association. The collection numbers, in December, 1901, 2,885 volumes, and has a circulation of 4,500. Its increase is dependent upon the annual fees of \$2.00 a year, which afford on an average \$30 for books and \$150 for the necessary expenses of administration. A printed catalogue of 70 pages was issued in 1892. The association has a fund of \$200 contributed by the trustees of the estate of Joseph Walker. Librarian, Miss Margaret A. Fickett.

SOUTHPORT.

The Fred Bates Memorial Library was established by Dr. Mary E. Bates, of Boston, in 1898. It numbers 500 volumes, but owing to local difficulties has not been open for circulation the past few months.

SPRINGFIELD.

The Butterfield Memorial Library was established February 26, 1891. It numbers 510 volumes, and circulates about 150 among 50 persons. It

is under the charge of six trustees, three appointed by the donor, and three by the selectmen. No expenditures for books have been made of late, and the cost of administration is \$10. Librarian, James A. Reed.

STANDISH.

The Standish Circulating Library was established April 6, 1878. It is maintained by an association whose members pay fifty cents annually. The library numbers December, 1901, 740 volumes and circulates about 400 among 36 members. The annual expenditure for books is \$10. Librarian, Miss Theresa C. Thompson.

STETSON.

A free public library was established in March, 1901, by the town, aided by the usual gift from the State. Its six trustees are chosen by the citizens, and it is hoped that annual appropriations will be made for its maintenance and increase. It now numbers 200 volumes. Librarian, Dr. D. W. Sheldon.

SWAN'S ISLAND.

The library at Atlantic has 500 volumes and a small building fund. No further reports respecting this library were received.

SWEDEN.

There is said to be a public library at Sweden, but its custodian has made no report.

THOMASTON.

The Thomaston Public Library was established in 1898. It has received the Ladies' Library of Thomaston containing 3,000 books, the private library of James Charles Strout of 1,200 volumes, and \$800 from Mrs. and Miss Swinburn for the purchase of recent publications. It also enjoys an annual income from the fund bequeathed by George R. Fuller. It numbers 5,341 volumes, and has a circulation of 12,914 among 266 regular borrowers. The average expenditure for books and periodicals, of which 16 are regularly taken, is \$160, for administration \$580. It is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a card catalogue of the standard size. Its nine trustees are chosen by the town. Librarian, Miss Lizzie S. Levensaler.

TREMONT.

The Tremont Public Library has a building of its own at South West Harbor, and receives a small annual appropriation from the town. It is maintained largely through the interest and gifts of summer visitors. The collection numbers 2,500 volumes. Librarian, Mrs. Lida Cousins.

The Bass Harbor Library was organized October, 1900, and in December, 1901, numbered 413 volumes with a circulation of 1,050 among 60 borrowers. A fee of five cents a week is charged for the use of the

library, and the annual expenditure for books and periodicals, of which 15 are regularly received, is \$60; for administration \$62. Librarian, Mrs. Vesta E. McRae.

TROY.

The Troy Corner Reading Club was organized in 1883, and has a membership fee of 25 cents. Its library numbers 400 volumes, and has a circulation of about 300 among 40 borrowers. The average expenditure for books is \$12. Librarian, Mrs. Clara B. Bagley.

The North Troy Reading Club was organized in May, 1898. It has a membership fee of 60 cents and a library of 136 volumes, to which additions to the amount of \$25 are regularly made. Librarian, Mrs. Grace C. Gray.

TURNER.

The Turner Grange has a library of 800 volumes for the use of its members, and to which additions to the amount of \$40 are annually made. It has a printed catalogue, issued in 1899, of 21 pages. Although not a public library, it is here mentioned as an excellent illustration of the important place held by the P. of H. libraries in agricultural towns. Librarian, Miss E. Alice Bradford.

UNION.

The Union Female Library dates from September, 1838. It numbers 255 volumes, and has no income save the annual fee of 13 cents. Librarian, Mrs. Lucy R. Daniels.

UPTON.

The public library of Upton was established in 1895 by bequest. It is under the charge of the selectmen, numbers 600 volumes and has a circulation of 150 among 20 persons. It has no catalogue and the slight annual expenditures are defrayed by the town. Librarian, Miss Nellie E. Burke.

VINAL HAVEN.

The Vinal Haven Public Library was established in 1888. It received 500 volumes from the circulating library which preceded it, and from the local assembly of the Knights of Labor, \$150, which was expended in new books. It is under the control of seven trustees appointed by the town, which makes an annual appropriation of \$400 for its maintenance. It numbers, in December, 1901, 3,000 volumes, and has an estimated circulation of 12,000. The annual expenditure for books and periodicals, of which 13 are taken, is \$210; for administration \$234. It has a printed catalogue of 110 pages. The library is made a part of the school system, and renders all possible assistance to teachers and scholars. Librarian, Thomas J. Lyons.

WARREN.

There is said to be a public library in Warren of 1,600 volumes, but no report has been made by its librarian.

WASHBURN.

The Washburn Town Library was established in 1866 by the gift of Governor Washburn. It now numbers 300 volumes, with a circulation of 200 among 40 borrowers. It is under the charge of the town officers, is free to all, but no additions have been made for a series of years. The administration expenses are \$10. Librarian, James M. Story.

WATERFORD.

The Waterford Library Association dates from 1852. It has no income save the annual membership fee of \$1.00. Its collection numbers 1,270 volumes, and the annual expenditure for books is \$35. There are no expenses for administration. Librarian, Miss S. W. Knight.

WATERTOWN.

The Waterville Free Library was established August 24, 1890. It is under the control of thirteen trustees chosen by the library association, by the city, and by the board of trade. It receives an annual appropriation from the municipality of \$500. It numbers 2,925 volumes, and has an estimated circulation of 20,000. The average expenditure for books and periodicals, of which 14 are taken, is \$360; for administration, including rent, \$585. It is arranged by the decimal classification, and aims to be of special service to young people, and the laboring classes. Librarian, Mrs. Agnes M. Johnson.

The Colby College Library dates from 1820. It numbers, in December, 1901, 37,100 volumes, and has a circulation of 6,300 among 250 borrowers. An annual fee of \$3.00 is charged each under-graduate. The average expenditure for books and periodicals, of which 55 are regularly taken, is \$500; for administration \$2,000. The library is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a card catalogue of the index size. Besides annual appropriations from the general college funds, the library enjoys the income of book funds amounting to \$7,000. A well deserved tribute to this library and its librarian will be found in the Library Journal, Vol. 19, p. 26, December, 1894. Librarian, Edward W. Hall.

WAYNE.

The Wayne Library Association was organized August 11, 1885. Its library numbered, in July, 1900, 1,050 volumes; it is controlled by three trustees; charges an annual fee of one dollar; spends upon an average \$30 upon books, and \$20 upon administration; circulates 850 volumes among about 100 persons. It printed in 1886 a catalogue of 16 pages and now has a card catalogue of the standard size. Librarian, W. C. Tribou.

WELLS.

The Memorial Library at Ogunquit was built by Mrs. George M. Conarroe of Philadelphia, in 1897 as a memorial of her husband, and is maintained at her private expense. It contains 1,900 volumes, and has

a circulation of 5,081 among 352 borrowers. It has a card catalogue of standard size, and from 275 to 300 books are added annually. The library is free to all and is of special service to teachers and scholars. Librarian, Miss Annie M. Norton.

The Wells Village Library was established in 1870. It numbers 400 volumes, and has a circulation of about 300 among 20 regular borrowers. It has no income aside from gifts, and an annual fee of \$1.00. The expenditure for books and periodicals, of which three are taken, is \$25; for administration \$15. It issued a printed catalogue in January, 1899. Librarian, Mrs. Nancy W. Pope.

WESTBROOK.

The Memorial Library was the gift of the late Joseph Walker of Portland, whose trustees erected, in 1894, an attractive library building at the expense of \$30,000. The library numbers, in February, 1901, 7,667 volumes, and has a circulation of 23,234 among 3,199 registered borrowers. The annual expenditure for books and periodicals, of which 35 are taken, is \$730; for administration \$1,300. The library is under the control of six trustees of whom the mayor of the city is an ex-officio member, and has the right to fill the vacancy occurring each year. The library is arranged by the decimal classification, and printed, in 1894, a catalogue of 99 pages. Besides the income of the book fund of \$10,000, given by its patron, the library has an annual appropriation from the municipality of \$1,500. Librarian, Miss Eliza M. Atkinson.

WINDHAM.

The Windham Circulating Library Association was established at Windham Center in 1856. Its collection numbers 580 volumes, and has a circulation of about 325 among 50 borrowers. An annual fee of fifty cents is charged for the use of the library, but the public school teachers are allowed any books needed for their own or pupils' use at the school building without charge. The annual expenditure for books is about \$22, for administration \$14. The library issued a printed catalogue of 28 pages in 1897. It has a fund of \$500, of which \$400 was received from the trustees of the Joseph Walker estate. Librarian, Miss Mabel E. Lamb.

WINTER HARBOR.

The Channing Library at Winter Harbor is said to contain 500 volumes, but its custodian has not furnished other statistics.

WINTERPORT.

The Winterport Free Library was established February 26, 1895. It numbers, in November, 1901, 1,570 volumes, and has a circulation of 2,899 among 417 borrowers. The annual expenditure for books is \$50, for administration \$125. The library is arranged by the decimal classification, has a card catalogue, and has also issued a printed one. It is under

the control of five trustees chosen by the library association. Its income is provided from membership subscriptions, and an annual appropriation of \$150 from the town. The library has been of special service to school teachers and a local history club. Librarian, Mrs. Albertie George.

WINTHROP.

The Public Library was established in 1890 and is said to contain 2,600 volumes. No report has been received from the librarian.

WISCASSET.

The Wiscasset Social Library dates from 1799, and numbers upwards of a thousand volumes. It has not been available for use, however, for several years.

YARMOUTH.

The Hillside Library at Yarmouthville was established December 12, 1891, and numbers, in December, 1901, 1,321 volumes, with a circulation of 3,793 among 228 registered borrowers. It has, through the kindness of Mrs. George W. Hammond, free rental of a room in the "Old Meeting-House." Its income is dependent upon membership fees which are fifty cents for an adult, and twenty-five cents for persons under sixteen, and the proceeds of an occasional entertainment. Its annual expenditure for books and periodicals, of which five are taken, is \$55, for administration \$50. The library is arranged by the decimal classification, and has a card catalogue of the standard size. Librarian, Miss Ellen S. Mitchell.

The library of the North Yarmouth Academy at Yarmouth contains 1,560 volumes, and is available to any resident of the town on the payment of an annual fee of fifty cents. Its average annual expenditure for books is \$100.

YORK.

The York Library was established in 1881 at York Harbor, and has a building of its own. Its collection numbers nearly 4,000 volumes, and has an estimated circulation of 3,000 among 300 borrowers. It was free when first established, but since 1888 has charged an annual fee of \$1.00. The average expenditure for books and periodicals, of which nine are taken, is \$250; for administration \$150. Librarian, Miss Sarah M. Varrell.

The York Beach Library was established in February, 1893. It now numbers 840 volumes, and has an estimated circulation of 2,000 among 400 borrowers. The annual fee of \$1.00 is charged for the use of the library, though for several years it has been free to residents from October 1st to June 1st. The annual expenditure for books is \$40, for administration \$15. A printed catalogue of fifty pages was issued in 1898. Librarian, William N. Gough.

Maine Library Commission.

SUMMER LIBRARY CLASS.

The Maine Library Commission takes pleasure in announcing that the 2d session of a summer class for library training will be held through the courtesy of the authorities at the University of Maine, Orono, Maine, July 6 to July 27, 1910.

The work is designed for librarians of small libraries and library assistants who cannot leave their work for an extended course in a regular library school.

The course of study is planned to accomplish the most possible within three weeks. Simple cataloguing, classification, accessioning, shelf-listing, book-selection, ordering and reference work will be the regular lessons, while lectures dealing upon various other subjects of interest and importance such as rebinding, administration, assistants, reports, statistics, etc. will complete an instructive and profitable program. The work must necessarily be confined to essentials, but the aim will be to cover all needed library subjects in a brief way and to present the points touched upon with such clearness that no student will carry away a confused impression but accurate and practicable information.

Text Books.

The text-books include Dewey Decimal Classification, Cutter Author Tables, Cutter Rules for a Dictionary Catalogue, Simplified Library School Rules, A. L. A. List of Subject Headings, A. L. A. Catalogue, Kroeger's Guide to the Study and use of Reference Books.

Advance Registration.

Application for admission should be made before June 20th, to Mrs. Kate C. Estabrook, President of the Maine Library Commission, Orono, Maine. In order that plans may be made intelligently for the class, please communicate with Mrs. Estabrook as soon as possible.

Any library board of trustees will be more than repaid in economy of administration and added efficiency for paying its librarian's expenses for the term of the class. Any librarian will find the added efficiency given by the course a great financial asset.

Admission.

The Library Commission does not assume to give a complete library course in three weeks, but aims to train those already in libraries for more efficient service. Therefore only those candidates will be admitted who are or are about to become engaged in library work. Entrance examinations will not be required but candidates are expected to have had a high school course or its equivalent, as the minimum basis of general education to enable them to understand and profit by the technical instruction which will be beyond those without such preparation.

Expenses.

Tuition is free for library workers in the State, and six to ten dollars will probably cover cost of necessary text-books and supplies. Good board may be had for from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per week, not including rooms which vary in price according to size and location.

Instruction will be given by Miss Frances L. Rathbone, Librarian of the Free Public Library East Orange, N. J. and graduate of the Pratt Institute Library School, whose knowledge and experience in library economy is so well recognized and appreciated by librarians.

The entire library of the University will by courtesy be at the services of students attending the class.

Applications should be made at the earliest possible time to Mrs. Kate C. Estabrook, Orono, Maine.

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